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## ALEXANDRIA:

FRIDAY MORNING, MARCH 25, 1859.

SEVENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT .- We continue to receive the most favorable acthis district. In every county which he has visited since his nomination, he has been welcomed with enthusiasm by his own party friends, and has obtained the respect of his opponents. There is no disaffection, no holding back, no disposition to extend to him a mere formal support, on the part of those a determination is every where expressed to strive earnestly and zealously for his election; whilst many of those who do not agree with him in politics are ready to admit that he would make a most excellent representative, and are not disposed to detract from his merits or depreciate his services. In truth, these latter all must acknowledge. All in this section of the state are indebted to him for the efficient aid he has uniformly given to The success thus early met with by the net. the local interests of the different counties. since he has been a member of the Legislature. If elected to Congress, the same efficiency, we doubt not, would be manifested there. We trust that the feeling now exhibited in Mr. Thomas's behalf may not only be kept up, but increased, during the Canvass.

The New York Herald says :- "The new conservative Opposition movement in Virginia receives a new impulse of encouragement; and, before the end of May, we may have the beginning of a new diversion which will confound the wrangling Democracy and 4000 pounds of bacon. There was no insurtrain left Detroit on Friday evening, and to the door of the mills. The prices of ad the exulting Black Republicans, and put in ance on the property. active motion a general and wholesome popular revolution. We are in the midst of the down to sea with every flood."

The Galway Steamship Company have ordered the building of two large ocean steamships within the past few weeks, in addition in full progress of construction. Besides this, Mr. Lever has also purchased four ocean steamships lately, but for what definite object is not yet known Every possible effort will be made to have the first of the three vessels ordered last fall on the Galway and New York line by the first of May.

Alexander R. Boteler, esq., of Jefferson, at the earnest solicitations of his numerous personal and political friends has again consented to be a candidate for Congress, in opposition to the Hon, Chas, James Faulkner,

The servant of Mr. Gray, near Leesburg. who was shot, as mentioned yesterday, was not killed outright. His wound, however. is considered dangerous.

The Richmond City Council have appropriated \$30,000 to improve the navigation of

the James River below Richmond. The Western papers, generally, are giving very favorable accounts of the growing wheat

at this time. Further accounts of the disastrous effects of the Spring freshets reach us from all parts | considerably behind-hand with spring labor.

of the country. In a local item in yesterday's paper. for "collection capacity," read "collective money, amounting to about \$2,000, institu-

## Leavenworth, Kansas.

For some years past we have heard nothing of the growth of the City of St. Paul, Minnesota, which used to be the standing wonder of the times. Chicago, too, has got weary of census taking, or, perhaps, took one too many. Hence the newspapers do not puff the prosperity of either place as they used to, and the need of some regular theme of the kind has been sorely felt. In this juncture, Leavenworth, Kansas, comes forward every month or two, with a fresh item showing her expansion. A census has just been taken there, and the place has 10,450 inhabitante. Four years ago the first house was built. All the Kansas emigration makes that city its focus. It is the starting point of all military expeditions across the plains, and the bulk of the gold hunters bound for Pike's Peak pass through it, or get their outfit

Coolies. Much has been justly said against the Coolie trade as carried on between China and Cuba. By recent accounts from Mad-rid, it is stated that the Spanish government has determined to stimulate the trade as much as possible, it being found that Coolie labor costs less than Slave labor .-Whether this report is true or not, matters but little; it is certain that there is a large demand for laborers in Cubs, and as the landing of Slaves is attended with some risk, and Coolies can be obtained without any difficulty, the Coolie trade will continue to be a profitable one for some time to come.—N. I. Courier.

A District Convention.

Culpeper is, admittedly, in favor of a Convention, and with great unanimity. Should other counties think proper to take the initiative, and demand a Convention, she is prepared to follow. This was conceded by those of the friends of Gov. Smith who opposed a Convention, on Monday. But we despair of anything being done, in that direction, and the triangular fight must go on. Our only comfort, in the matter, is, that our course on the subject is approved by nine-tenths of the Democrats of Culpeper.—Blue Ridge Rep.

Liquor and Crime twin brothers—go hand in hand. A remarkable confirmation of the fact is an official statement, just published in Cincinnati, showing that four fifths of the crimes of that city resulted directly or indi-restly from liquor. Well did Barnum offer-to pay all the police expenses, city govern-ment expenses, clothe all the poor and needy and send the children of New York to school, if they would give him every year the pro-

News of the Day.

To show the very age an I body of the TIMES. A considerable number of Hungarian refugees, who arrived in this country soon after the disastrous revolution of 1848, ending with the capture of the celebrated fortress of Comorn, recently asked and received an anmesty from the Austrian Government, and are about leaving the United States and returning to their native country. A number of them are men of property and ntelligence.

The Troy Times of the 17th says: "The arrangements making by M. La Mountain for the manufacture of the balloon with which he intends to cross the Atlantic, are to 200,000 boxes. rapidly progressing to completion. The twine from which the net work is to be made has been finished at the rope and cordage manufactory at the Dam, and is believed to be the most complete article of the kind ever made in this country.'

We learn from the Albany Argus that one of the severest snow storms of the winter occounts of the prospects of Mr. Thomas in curred in Jefferson county, N. Y., on Saturtee of ten was appointed to make a time nent New England engineer, on the same day last. A large quantity of snow fell, which was badly drifted, and on Monday morning still remained in immense drifts obstructing the roads. The thermometer on Monday morning at Pierrepont Manor was only 14 degrees above zero.

The case of Wm. H. Aspinwall et al. against Knox county, Ind., was decided last whose political sentiments he advocates; but week. The decision of the Supreme Court sustains that of the District Court in favor of Aspinwall and his associates, thereby making good their just claim of \$142,000,-The question in dispute was the legality of the issue of the bonds.

Residents near the waters of Britton's Bay and other Potomac inlets, have been making quite an ouslaught on the finny tribe during the past week. Shad, rock and herring, have been quite plentiful in that vicinity .promises well for our seine fisheries the com-

Considerable interest is felt in political circles to know what course Judge Douglas will take in regard to the movements now started under the inspiration of his friends in Pennsylvania. He subsided very quietly at the last session into the regular organization, attended the caucuses and subscribed fully to the President's policy.

The dwelling house of Mr. J. S. Bryan, at Bryan's Point, opposite Mount Vernon, in Prince George's county, Md., was consumed by fire on Thursday the 17th instant .--Mr. B. saved his furniture, &c., but lost about west of Hamilton, C. W. The unfortunate

Dr. Hanson Penn, one of the most highly respected and valuable citizens of Prince spring freshets, and the broken fragments of George's county Md., died on the 21st .-the Democratic party appear to be drifting He was a resident of Bladensburg District, the streams were suddenly swollen. At the and was widely known, both at home and abroad, as an exemplary and high-toned gen-

The Utah correspondent of the Chicago Tribune has taken notes of the social status to those which are now almost ready for of that Territory. The results foot up as learn whether the earth had been washed launching from the Tyne. The two recently follows: Three hundred and eighty-seven away, or whether it had become so soft that ordered are already on the stocks at Hull, and men with seven or more wives; of these 13 have more than 19 wives; 730 men with five way. The former was probably the case .-wives; 1100 men with four, and 1400 with The entire train plunged into the chasm, the more than one wife.

The name and site of Dowdall, Spotsylvania county, is changed to "Chancellorsville," the former site, and Samuel Guy appointed killed by being run through with a piece of a radius of ten to thirty miles from the town, of the Wilmington Herald settles this fossil postmaster, vice James P. Chambers, resign- broken timber. Several passengers were and the miners have conducted extensive and matter: at Peidmont Station, Fauquier county, vice that some suffered death in the forward car.

The telegraph of Tuesday morning announced that there had been an outbreak at the Aubura prison, New York, on Saturday, and that two of the prisoners were mortally wounded before the riot was put

In New York, the other day, a man named Chadburn was seriously, and it is feared fatally injured by the falling of a sign upon his head while he was passing along a side-walk during a high wind. This should

operate as a caution to proprietors of signs. The wheat crop in St. Mary's county Md., except in low lands, looks very promising and is much further advanced than usual at this season, owing, perhaps, to the mildness of the past fall and winter. The farmers are like those in Rochester were in great desti-

The Bank of Middletown, at Middletown, Pa., having missed certain sums of ted investigations, which led to the detection of the watchman of the bank, a German, named George Folger, as the thief.

Flag Captain Shubrick is described by a Paraguay letter writer as a wonderful speciat liberty. men of the sailor, the man of business, and the gentleman. He is as green as live oak. as cheerful as a singing bird, and as cool as Sir John Franklin's bones!

A student in Oberlin College, Ohio, named J. B. Kirk, has been arrested for counterfeit- the disaffected Anti-Lecomptonites on the ing. He is said to be one of the Portage county gang, whose extensive operations have been interfered with by the officers of the

Venezuela has agreed to the payment of American claims arising out of the guano controversy, amounting to three hundred theusand dollars, thus removing all cause of dispute between the two Governments.

The New York Times has discovered an archy with a Bourbon King." The disclosure is made in a letter from a secret agent at Rome to Miramon's confessor.

Gov. Wise has appointed Col. Wm. H. Harman, of Staunton, Brigadier General of the 13th Brigade, in place of Gen. Lavne, resigned.

A post-office has been established at Coraville, in the Pike's Peak region, and Matthias Snyder, jr., formerly of Alexandria Virginia, has been appointed postmaster.

Ezekiel McFarland, esq., aged about 60, a well known and highly respected citizen of others, with the appropriation made last winter. Ravenswood, Jackson county, Va., died at will be completed, and the floating debt of the his residence on Saturday last.

Nicholas Cleary, of California, formerly of Occoquan, Va., has been appointed naval store-keeper at Shanghai.

"Annie Laurie."

Mr. Chambers says the verses of this song. which are in a style wonderfully tender and chaste for their age, were written by Mr. Douglas, of Finland, upon Annie, one of the four daughters of Sir Robert Laurie, first Baronet of Maxwelton, by his second wife, who was the daughter of Riddle, of Minto. As Sir Robert was created a baronet in the year 1785, it is probable that the verses were commenced about the end of the 17th or the beginning of the 18th century. It is painful to record that, notwithstanding the ardent and chivalrous affection displayed by Mr. Douglas in his poem, he did not obtain the heroine for a wife; she was married to Mr. Ferguson, of Craigdarroch.

TELEGRAPHIC DESPATCHES. New Orleans, March 23 .- The steamer port, disabled.

refused to create a special session to consider plies for a divorce, her husband and herself having lived together only three weeks. New ORLEANS, March 23 .- The steamer

Cahawba, from Hayana, the 19th, has arrived. Sugar was inactive, and the stock amounted

affected. The Liberals had evacuated Qua- large populations? catacas and Leon. Gayeso still holds Degallado in check at the city of Mexico.

met and organized here to-day. A commitschedule from New York to St. Louis, by way of Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Cincinnati. They will report to-morrow. The Pennsylvania Central and the Baltimore and Ohio railroads are represented in the committee. The dam, erected upon a base 36 feet in The convention is harmonious. There are thirty-two roads represented. Easton, Pa., March 23 .- Great excitement

exists here relative to the disappearance of Mr. Samuel Yeager, a prominent merchant intending to go to New York, and return on

ed to a third reading the bill authorizing the feet. It is made permanently water tight, issue of \$100,000 State scrip in aid of the by the most careful grubbing, puddling, and Museum of Comparative Zoology. St. Louis, March 22.-The steamer

Island bridge, from a collision. The loss is estimated at \$12,000. Bangor, March 22.—The river below is nary summer seasons, is not less than 1500 trellis work, over which were framed the still blocked up with ice, and it is rising raphorse-power, and which for the greater part choicest creeping plants of the tropics, shedidly here, the water being three or four feet

over the wharves. NORFOLK, March 23 .- One of the new steam sloops-of-war, six guns, was launched year.' here to-day, in splendid style.

Frightful Railroad Accident. The Rochester Democrat of Monday publishes the melancholy details of the recent

frightful railroad accident in Canada: The accident occurred on Saturday morncars, the last one of which was a sleeping car. The night, it will be remembered, there was a terrific storm of wind and rain, and in the vicinity of the accident it would seem that time of the accident the train was thought to to be running at the rate of 30 miles an hour. The embankment at the fatal spot is some fifty feet high, and is said to be mostly sand, which on becoming saturated easily settles and slides away. We do not satisfactorily when the locomotive ran upon it, it gave cars successively being piled upon each oth-

er. The sleeping-car was stopped when about half way over the brink, but the forward end was broken in and one passenger killed in the middle car, and it was thought | profitable operations in them.

Miss Maria Jones pretending to be a Lay recommend it highly as a residence. Sister of Charity, went from Rochester last ericksburg has never been visited by the epi week along the Central Railroad, under pre- demics which have visited most of our Ameritence of collecting money for the Rochester can towns. It escaped the cholera, which Orphan Asylum. She painted the orphans in seourged other cities, North, South, East, such pitiful terms, that she extracted the and West. The pure and delightful water last dime from each batch of men along the with which the town is supplied from neighborers who, as well as giving her their money. summer than the distant mountain resorts. this way, for all the people claim to be desent her along on the hand car, many other citizens contributed, so that from Rochester the mother of Washington," a plain and unto Byron she could not have received less ambitious little dwelling, is still standing in than \$20. One paid her fare and sent her Fredericksburg, and at a short distance from Noah had wandered very far from the old on the cars. At Batavia she forgot to call on Father McGlue, the Catholic priest, but her last resting place .- Rich. Dispatch. went direct to East Pembroke, where she went to collect for the Orphans in Buffalo, who tution. Many gave her money, and all were with the people from East Pembroke, but was arrested, and the whole imposition discovered, before she left the village. The exami-

Democratic Troubles. A fierce intestine war is inevitable in Pennsylvania, between the rival wings of the Democracy, represented by the Administration and office-holders on one side, and other. The repudiation of Gov. Packer by the recent Convention at Harrisburg, and the endorsement of that act by the Union under the direct inspiration of the President, with a reflection upon his "personal and political integrity," show the bitterness and depth of the hostility. The call for a new Convention by the Anti-Lecompton wing of the party, furnishes abundant evidence that no compromise is possible. This is a repetition of the Van Buren game of 1841, in a more intensified form, and must ensure was not a fixed fact before. - Balt. Am.

Expected Reduction of Taxes.

Charles A. Ronald, esq., the Delegate in the last Legislature, from the county of Montgomery, in a published card, declines a reelection. In reference to the finances of the

State, he says:
"I cannot close this short communication, fellow citizens, without congratulating you upon the healthy financial condition of the Commonwealth, and of assuring you that your taxes by the next Legislature will be reduced some fifteen or twenty per cent. Some of the most important works of nternal improvement have been completed, and for high taxes will no longer exist. Indeed the tax bills of 1855, 1856, 1857 and 1858, have proved sufficient to meet all the obligations of the State, with a surplus of \$500,000. Then you see, that there can be no doubt of a reduction of your taxes."

The Counterfeiting Business.

Some of the most astounding developments are being made at the present time in rela- said, in April,) has now assumed this defiin New York and Ohio, from which it would seem that in some sections of the country it is becoming a regular branch of business, as lie dinner, a magnificent American gold flagging zeal in its behalf?-Rich Whig. eagerly pursued, and, within certain limits, watch, a set of gold and silver chess men, almost as openly, as any other branch of speculation. Books are published, giving world, with a richly inlaid chess-board to full descriptions of cheap methods of imitamatch, together with a gold medal, commemting the pracious metals. All the tricks of orative of his European triumphs—the whole counterfeiters for sweating, boring, splitting cost to be nearly \$2,500." From another and filling coin are here detailed with great correspondent of the same paper we learn one can be admitted in one of their excles. Morphy a splendid dinner on his recurn provided himself with provisions for a much \_\_Phil. Ledger. from his continental triumphs.

Fredericksburg. Va. This ancient, refined, and hospitable Vir-Quaker City leaves here on Sunday, touch- ginia town, possesses facilities for manufac- Gazette says: ing at Vera Cruz, to land Mr. McLane, our turing purposes rarely equalled in any part Minister to Mexico, and also the mails of of the country. With a degree of enterthe steamer Tennessee, which returned to prise, for which it has not received the proper credit, and with characteristic liber-HARRISBURG, Pa., March 23 .- The lower ality, it has brought the aid of art to its house of the Pennsylvania Legislature has great natural resources, and now presents inducements to manufacturing interests, the Fry divorce case, by a vote of thirty-one which, sooner or later, must make it a large to forty-three. It will be recollected that it is a Philadelphia case, in which the lady apwere a citizen of Fredericksburg, we should not desire that result. It is the fashion to call that place a "finished town," and in one sense it is "finished," for any farther progress in the old Virginia virtues, in courtesy, hospitality, and in all the best qualities of Mexican advices are also received via Ha- happier, more humane, more peaceful, more vana. Miramon was still marching upon Vera moral, when it attains the size, and with it, that they may arrive at an approximate Cruz, where the garrison was small and dis- the selfishness and vices, inseparable from knowledge of the "festive scene,"

town, we saw the great dam by which the Columbus, March 23 .- The convention of vast water power of the Rappahaunock is to ner-service over to his cousin of Paris, and Southern and Western railroad companies be made available to industrial uses. This the entire changes of the more than threesplendid work was constructed by an emiplan with that over the Connecticut river at Holyoke. From a description of it now before us, it appears that "the abatments are vice of old Sevres belonging to the Paris constructed upon a natural rock foundation. with, and secured firmly to the solid rock foundation, is 18 feet in height, 572 feet in from every country and every clime; there length between the abutments, and compactly built of heart pine timber, sawed one foot square. The abutments are of the best of this place, who left here on the 14th inst., granite, laid in courses with hydraulic cement, and are erected upon a natural rock foundathe following day. A meeting of the citizens | tion. The canal, which is 17 miles long from was held at the court-house last evening, to the feed gates to the basin at Fredericksburg. devise means to prosecute a thorough search | is 511 feet wide at the water surface, 32 feet wide at the bottom, and 62 feet deep, giving zilian parrotes! Every salt or fresh water Boston, March 22 .- The Senate has pass- the area of its water section as 271 square selection of material for embankment,-The available head and fall obtained is 47 Letty" was sunk yesterday, near the Rock feet. A water-power is thus made ready for were decorated, it is affirmed that there were use within the limits of the town, which, during the low stages of water in ordiof the year ranges up to 3,000 and 4,000 vail, ordinarily, for a few days only of the tury ago, the tribe of Rothschild seems to

structed along the river, above the present that the ladies present wore upon their perdam, which would augment the power to any sons between twenty and thirty millions of desired extent. The position of Fredericksburg is such, that favorable sites for using ing honor to the banquet, those who partook the power are presented along a river-front of nearly a mile in extent, to which the wa- night, ing, about two o'clock, about seven miles ter may be conducted at little cost, and at which a good navigation may be obtained up consisted of one baggage and three passenger mirable manufacturing sites are very low in comparison with like property at any similar are

Fredericksburg has a population of 6,000. is situated at the head of tide-water, on the ed to be a portion of a vessel's deck, Rappahannock, and is distant sixty miles forty feet in length, and bearing a close refrom Washington and Richmond, and has a communication twice a day with each, by railroad and steamboat. A railroad, now in discovery of such a remarkable fossiliferous progress, will connect it, by the short link of specimen would have set all the geologists thirty-eight miles, with the Central Railroad, By Canal, Macadamized and Plank Roads, it has communication with a large and fertile agricultural region. The river is navigable to this point by vessels drawing eight feet. Large supplies of wheat and corn now seek this market; and timber, which is found in great abundance and variety, is an article of profitable export from this region to ship vards and manufactories of the North .-Iron, gold, and copper ore are found within

The scenery around Fredericksburg is picturesque and beautiful, and this, with the remarkable healthiness of the town, must

The house formerly occupied by "Mary, scended from him. the town, an unfinished monument marks

The Disorder at Wytheville.

All we have to say is, that if we have been "imposed upon," we were "imposed upon" to subscribe and collect something for her by one of the most respectable citizens of on Sunday. She came to church at Batavia, Wytheville who was an eye-witness to the be, in fact, portions of his ark? To be sure, don Times. whole affair, and heard the discussion.

Why the Wytheville Times made no mention of the matter, we have no means of nation took place before Mr. Kimberly on the knowing. We have since heard, however, 14th, the facts were sworn to, when lo! she that the person, who attempted to apply the Agassiz and the mighty Emmons, and the A vehicle, upon which was placed a mamdenied her Sistership, and the Esquire set her | gag to Mr. Goggin, afterwards made a public apology for his outrageous misconduct, and that may have been the reason why the Times omitted to allude to it. That the affair there was, substantially, as we described it, there can be no doubt, and the Enquirer itself will soon come to the same conclusion. We are glad, nevertheless, to find the En-

quirer characterizing the conduct of its friends at Wytheville as "disgraceful," and eussion."-Rich. Whig.

The Last Congress.

The Baltimore Exchange-Democratic pa per-talks out in the following plain style about the inefficiency of the last Congress: "With a fair working majority elected as "Intrigue for converting Mexico into a Mon- Pennsylvania to the Opposition in 1860, be- Democrats, the majority suffered itself to be yond any reasonable contingency, if that was not a fixed fact before. — Balt. Am. cut up into cliques, by ambitious leaders, and were actually indebted to their political opponents for the passage of every important measure. Never have we seen such a disorganized body claiming to possess common principles; never have we seen so little devotion to the common cause and such intense anxiety for particular personal interests .-The firm adherence to the great measures determined upon by the party, which marked the days of Jackson's administration, has been lost sight of, and that lefty patriotism which proclaimed "everything for principles, nothing for men," has been swallowed up in petty ambition for leadership and hasty promotion. With such characteristics, there was nothing elevated to be expected from this Congress, and there is no regret for its demise.

Paul Morphy.

We learn by the last "Spirit of the Times" offered,) will give the King of Chess "a pubfor beauty and costliness unsurpassed in the

The Rothschild Bridal Dinner. The Paris correspondent of the Literary

"A great event in the beau monde of this

place has been the Rothschild marriage. The magnificence was beyond all description, and it would appear that splendors. vicing with those recounted in the Arabian Nights, were lavished upon an entertainment to which nobody was admitted. I mean the dinner given in the nuptial ceremony, and at which some sixty or seventy follows: A criminal trial had been in progress Rothschilds alone were present. As no one but the family was present at this foucion-as the Spaniards entitle their bullfights, and other amusements-of course the feminine public curiosity has been immeasurably excited by it, and every young male human nature, is impossible. Will it be Rothschild has been cross examined by the fair ladies of Paris ever since, in order On a late visit to this fine old Virginia childs nearly was forthcoming for this banquet; at least the London chief sent his dinscore guests were made in silver and silvergilt; plates, dishes, everything was of the precious metals, as at the royal tables, only at dessert was perceived the priceless serpater families, and whereof each plate represents somewhere about a king's ransom As to the viands on the table, they came were swallows' nests from China, sterlets (a fish of excessive high price in Russia, of the size of salmon, and of fat, orange colored flesh) from Russia, reed birds and canvas back ducks from America, bustards from Spain, pheasants from Bohemia, entrees of peacocks' brains, fillets of buffalo-hump, and-one of my lady informants declares—salmis of Brahas yielded up its fish; every moor, marsh, and forest its fowl; every hot bed, heated by fire or the sun, its fruit; and every grape that ever hung anywhere its wine. flowers with which the table and dining-room 1.500 pounds worth. (I mean £1,500 Eng-All the windows were covered with ding their luscious perfumes all around. If horse-power. The low stages of water pre- the repast was worthy of an emperor of a cenhave been worthy of it, and to have done it Reservoirs may be easily and cheaply con- due honor. In the first place it is affirmed francs' worth of jewels, and in the way of doof it, sat at table from half-past six to mid-

Probable Discovery of Noah's Ark.

It appears that in the eastern portion the good old State, whose staple productions "pitch, tar, turpentine, and lumber," some remarkable fossil discoveries have been recently made, among which, is what appearsemblance to lignite. The time has been, says the Mobile Confederation, when the and archaeoligists of the country on their heads; but at this enlightened period of the world's history, when the duty of not only managing but explaining all things terrestrial has devolved upon a class of men known as editors, it excites no surprise; for the simple reason that, whatever occurs on the earth, or whatever is discovered above or beneath, or in the waters around it, is certain of a speedy and satisfactory solution. See how easily, and humorously,

"How this vestige of human labor and hu-

We understand that some erudite geologists say that somewhere in Bladen county is found the oldest known geological formation in the world. If this be so, if this be the oldest part of world, it must, of course, have been the first ready for the residence of man, and the first occupied by him; ergo, the Garden of Eden was somewhere in the Cape Fear region, which was then a better fruit road into Byron. At Churchville Patrick boring springs, and the bracing air, ought growing country than it is now. We think Ross and men gave her \$5. Besides the lato make it a more attractive point in the Adam must have settled somewhere around

If Adam and Eve started in life in Eastern North Carolina, it is not probable that

homestead. This supposition gains strength when we consider how Noah pitched his ark. Where else could be have got so much or so good pitch or other naval stores to pitch her within and without? Following up this estimate of its capabilities for commerce.train of reasoning, why should not these human remains have come down from Noahthe absence of Mount Ararat is a little in our way, but when we get to be as philosophically regardless of all facts that stand in the way of our hypothesis as are the great morning, in Fifth street, below Washington. other stone-breakers, we won't mind little moth steam boiler, intended for a new ship Know Nothing platform, in regard to the trifles like this."-Rich. Dispatch.

Fashionable Chit-Chat. houses in Boston were assembled in the Its stoppage put a check to the upward propublic parlor one stormy evening, when a gress of the railroad cars. The scene that rather antiquated maiden lady, who never ensued was of the liveliest possible charseems to have any employment but admiring acter. The drivers and conductors of the her jewelry and dresses, lisped out the re-vehicles indulged in execrations upon the boilmark that she loved a rainy day, and al- er, while all the idlers for a half mile round their attempts to gay Mr. Goggin as an "in-famous expedient," and, also, expressing the ways availed herself of it to arrange her assembled at the spot to see the fun. For a "hope never to see the day in Virginia when drawers. "So do I," growled an old sea long time no remedy presented itself, and the a mob spirit shall interrupt full and fair dis- captain. "I overhaul my drawers and shirts railroad people were about making up their too, sometimes, and sew on a button or a minds to give the matter up as a bad job, string where it is wanted." Mademoiselle when the difficulty was overcome by running did not faint, but there was an angry rustle the up cars on Sixth street, placing stones of silks, as she swept out of the room leaving under the wheels and throwing them on the all to exchange a suppressed titter for a good track at Washington street. Despite all hearty laugh.

The Northern and Southern Democracy.

The Washington correspondent of the Charleston Mercury says, that the debate in the Senate on the 23rd ult., "has had marked effect in widening and deepening sectional feeling, which the discussion in the next

Congress will more fully show."  $\Lambda$  Charleston correspondent of the same paper says, that this debate proves that "upon the great question of the Territories, Union, the two wings of the Democratic so many cocoanuts .- Philadelphia Am. party are irreconcileably divided, and that either the party at the North must be abolitionized, or it must be overthrown."

The Gubernatorial Canvass.

From every quarter of the Commonwealth, the prospects of our noble ticket and our glorious cause. All we need to ensure its success, is a thorough and masterly organithat the proposed testimonial of the New York Chess Club to Paul Morphy, on his re- unremitting exertion. In Goggin, Willey, turn to this country, (which will be, it is and Preston, we have standard bearers worthy of our unlimited confidence, and of our tion to the counterfeiting of bills and money nite shape:—The members of the Club, (aid-united, cordial, enthusiastic support. And ed by such outside contributions as may be as to the cause they represent is it not

A Dead Head.

A freight car was opened at Benwood, Va., on the 8th uit., which had been kept closed since it had left Philadelphia, near ten days previous. No sooner was the door opened than out jumped a young man, who exactness, and on payment of five dollars ar.y that the English chess-players intend to give took to his heels like a greyhound. He had A Contempt Case.

Correspondence of the Baltimore Sun. Annapolis, March 22 .- On Thursday last, Hon. Madison Nelson, judge of the Circuit Court for Frederick county, Md., issued an attachment for an alleged contempt against Col. Wm. P. Maulsby, a prominent member of that bar, and sentenced Col. M. to pay a ments, there could not exist a constitute fine of \$500, and to stand committed to the custody of the sheriff of Frederick county.

before Judge Nelson for eighteen days-the prisoner being indicted for the alleged forgey of sundry signatures to promissory notes. defence, and one of the main grounds upon which his client was acquitted was the exhibition to the jury of a certain other note in the possession of Col. M., (as counsel for its Messrs. Hunter and Phelps, they are collection.) the genuineness of which was admitted by the party whose name was alleged all the plate of all the houses of Roths- to be forged on the others. Six other indictments were then pending against Col. Maulsby's client on the like charge of forgery, and the note in Col. M's possession, as just explained, would have been very important evidence for his client in said cases. On the 2d of March, the grand jury of Frederick county sent to Col. Maulsby an informal summons to come before them and produce or deliver to them all notes in his possession bearing the names of certain parties, which would have included the note just re- which, says this writer, interest should ferred to. This order from the grand jury and that (in Mr. Holt's language again

> passage of the order by Judge Nelson above eferred to. The application for a writ of habeas corpus

of M refused to obey on various grounds,

but mainly because it was not lawful for the

and for which he had given his receipt. Af-

in the case was made to-day to Judge Bartol, a call of an Extra Session? Why does of the Court of Appeals.

The counsel for Mr. Maulsby made very able arguments in support of the motion for a writ of habeas corpus; making some novel points, and taking the ground that in Mary- ted States, that had he supposed that w and, since the passage of the act of 1853, the of the popular branch of Congress of courts had no common law jurisdiction in re- could be convened in season to act efficient gard to punishing contempts. That act to protect the government credit, would defines what constitutes contempts, and it so, he might have declined the resp was held that Mr. Maulsby's imprisonment of getting on with a class of government was not only unjust but illegal and unconsti- creditors, &c., &c? What would have be tutional. The order for the papers was for such responsibility if it were regular and compelling a party, through his counsel, to gal? And if regular and legal how is testify against himself. Bradley T. Johnson, mere labor of a department to become esq., led off in the argument in behalf of the executive responsibility ! motion, and was followed by Coleman Yellott, esq., also for the petitioner. The Hon. tical grounds that it occupied under my la-Reverdy Johnson followed Mr. Yellott, ma- communication, except that the language king and argument of great force, and wor- changed fram "Certificates of Indebtedne thy of the high reputation of that distinguish- to the stronger language of "Debts of Record counseller.

He spoke for about one hour and a half .--The points argued and authorities commenton by Mr. Johnson, were highly interesting. An elaborate written argument of tive, are to be placed upon the market Charles J. M. Gwinn, esq., in favor of the sold for what they are worth, and by what application, was also submitted to the Judge. it is intended to create a legal demand on the Judge Bartol will deliver his opinion to-mor- government. Now, by what authority-

From China-Picture of the Rebels. We have just returned from our interesting expedition up the Yang-tse-Kiang, 1 oubt not you will be surprised to hear how utterly devoid the waters of the Yang-tse-Klang are of all junk trade. There was not a single trading junk at the point at which it is entered by the Grand Canal, nor until we pass the Poyang Lake are there any signs of river life, and then only a very inty allowance.

The low estimate some of us had formed had an opportunity of visiting some of their that "there never has been a time when chiefs. I was quite disgusted with their contractor could not get a "certificate disreputable and disorderly appearance.— what was due him, &c. Now, I profe-to know but little of the practical manage shallowest description. They are polygam- ment of this or any other of the department ists, opium-smokers, and the only Bible ex- of the federal government, but if this ample they seem to follow, is that of the Israelites in the conquest of Canaan. The mind has been so long quiescent, and the women carried off, the men pressed into ser- tention in the Cabinet and elsewhere vice, and fire and bloodshed mark their ialists are gradually closing in upon them, ment, the Legislative orders of the ge and any other Government but the Chinese would crush the whole thing in a week.

They asked us to sell them arms, and we had secret applications for opium. They live ted States to be paid; this is all and no more on the peasantry whom they squeeze, and are With this I will relieve you of anything to bloodsuckers who must be got rid of, if we ther. I hope, however, that this subject to intend to establish a healthy circulation, so be kept before the people of our country.

essential to trade. The scenery is very fine in parts, and the river presents no great difficulties of navigation. In its present condition I do not recommend people to indulge in a too sanguine Hankow and the cities above Canking, the last rebel port, are recovering .- Corr. of Lou-

An Awkward Fix.

Quite a lively time occurred yesterday of war at the navy yard, stuck while at the location, and completely blocked up the entire street. The boiler was being removed The boarders in one of the fashionable from the foundry of Messrs. Merrick & Sons. the exertions of those interested, at a late the best facilities possible to the markets of Ri hour vesterday afternoon the obstruction still mond, Baltimore and New York; it is also not continued. Since the above was written we learn that the boiler was again set in motion at about four o'clock. It reached the Navy Yard dock without a second stopping, and went through the Yard gate without even touching. Its weight was 80,000 pounds.—

whole crop can be supper a more pleasantly or beautifully situated in a base more pleasantly country. There are three thousand one hundred and fifty-five (3,155) acres the property of the state of the s It was drawn by a string of thirty-two horses and mules. The weight was so great that Staunton River and creek low grounds, equathe wheels of the truck sank hub deep into the macadamized road in the yard and in the which has for thirty years threatened the street outside crunched the paving-stones like

An Army Contract.

The Utah correspondent of the Chicago Tribune sends to that journal the freighting contract made in the Quartermaster's department at Washington city, with Russell, Mayers we are daily in receipt of the most cheering and Waddell, to carry freight from Kansas to their farms better or more conveniently fixed and animating intelligence, in reference to various points on the Utah route. The schedule of prices has been kept back till lately, when it is found that government pays the firm above named \$56 per one hundred pounds from Leavenworth to Salt Lake City, a distance of twelve hundred miles. At this enormous rate the contractors have carried thousands of tons. They are at the same time contractors to carry freight to Pike's Peak, a distance of six hundred miles for eight dollars patriotic enough to inspire us with un- which is less than one third the sum paid by

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JOHN OGDEN.

The Post Office "Warrants" or "Certificate, In my communication to the trace vesterday, I attempted to show that nature of our government, and as the know or believe, in all well ordered garor legal power in any one of the la (except the legislative.) much less The alleged contempt was substantially as department of any of the branches the eral authority to issue "Certificates of D. I am assured that I was right to since in a letter from Washington, dated 22nd inst., that "Certificates of Indeness" are not to be issued, which is a little remarkable, if as it was areas tutional and legal. But I care not what pedient the Postmaster General may reto, to raise means to pay the expresses establishment, in effect it will ing the d-l round the stump." have nominally been changed, and only inally, I think, and now to escale ! evitable conviction of irregularity. charge of lawlessness or violated law obligations to contractors are only Mr. Holt's language as quoted by

friendly to him, "debts of rec

the contractors desire to borrow money

them, the lender could have no better

grand jury to compel him to deliver to them curity." It has further been said in vindication papers placed in his possession by his client, this course, that there never has been a ter various proceedings the result was the when a contractor could not get a certificate what was due him which he could assign Now, first of all, if all these things he ; why, I repeat, do we find so much said als Cabinet stultify itself before the country it be but the exercise of an unquestiona and an ordinary power by the department Why is it said of the President of the I

The question comes back again to the idof which some evidences are to be given, 1 pose, by the department to the contractor to be called something, I presume, wh something, by the necessities of the operation this is the question-has this department the power to create for the government "debt of record" without authority orpogiven by the legislative department; and not expressly given by law, can such gran of power be found under the constitution

If such may be done here without the pression of law, why may not every depart ment, War, Navy, and all alike, create the unauthorized "debts of record" against government, and your Legislature may future be altogether relieved of the man ty of this onerous and disputable legislati function.

the rebels, turned out quite correct. I But it has been said, as quoted abwhole country has been laid in ruins, the now it should be receiving scrutinizing a

The plain version of this branch of the su track everywhere. They seem, however, to ject is simply, I presume, this, that hereb be on their last legs. The apathetic Imper- fore and always, in executing by the Depar ment appropriated for, it has been the pratice, and necessarily too, for the Departme to certify claims to the Treasurer of the Un if such abuses are indulged, our government is unbound and undone.

Alex., March 25, 1859.

COMMUNICATED. As a Democrat and a friend of Mr. Shack elford's, I desire to ask the voters of the District, other than Native Americans, how they can with any degree of propriety, verfor Mr. Smith, who declared in his speeches. in 1855, and has since made no recant tion, that he went a bow shot beyond the naturalization laws. I wish further to ad-Democrats of the old school, those who think it "rebellion to oppose the Administration, how they can support Mr. Smith, who differwith President Buchanan on the Tariff que

tion? I desire only a courteons discus-

of the claims of the different candidate

and I hope some of Mr. Smith's friends wi

let me have an answer to these interrossic ries, when I may think proper to make of 3.155 ACRES OF STAUNTON BIVE! compels me to settle in the South; therefore, I we sell one of the best LANDED ESTATES in ginis, situated on Staunton River, Halifax Virginia, not far above where the Richmond Danville Railroad crosses the river, which give rive in less than a day from my plantation, and wirole crop can be shipped at once. No Estate between six hundred and seven hundred as fertility and the production of Tobacco and Who to any lands on the river. Sixteen hundred the

acres in woods, most of it heavily timbered, some of the best Plant land in Virginia. Four years ago I divided my plantation into ter (10) farms of three hundred (300) acres each the purpose of renting them out, and built mest comfortable and convenient BRICK DWFL LINGS, and all necessary out-houses, including barns, granaries, &c., and notwithstating Halifax is a large and wealthy county not fill families in the county live in better houses, or have handsomely and elegantly finished with me

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My terms will be accommodating, as to think

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